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October 14, 2009

Julius Genachowski, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As the President & CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Northwest Connecticut, Inc., I am writing to express my concern over net neutrality regulations that are now being considered for the wireless industry by the FCC

Northwest Connecticut encompasses the towns of Torrington and Winsted, as well as 18 other communities, and includes the Connecticut mountains and rural countryside which is dotted by small farming communities and towns. The area is not densely populated and the terrain offers challenges to wireless providers in order to offer services. In spite of the challenges, we have seen major wireless providers pursue cell locations to establish and expand cell coverage in these areas over the years. As time goes by, the services are improving and coverage gets better and better.

The wireless expansion in our area has not been done as a result of any mandates or regulations created through federal or state agencies, rather the competitive forces of the marketplace have driven the wireless providers to offer better service to their customers in this area. I am submitting this letter with hopes that the FCC recognizes that market forces in a competitive environment drives innovation and expansion. There is simply no need to burden the wireless industry with any new regulations that have the very possibility of slowing down innovation or expansion.

I therefore submit that the FCC refrain from any additional regulations and allow competition to define how wireless providers serve the market.

Sincerely,

JoAnn M. Ryan President & CEO